

House File 2402 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 655)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating a derelict building grant program and fund.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.861 Derelict building grant
2 program — fund.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 a. "*Abandoned building*" means a building that is owned by an
6 eligible community that has been abandoned for three or more
7 years.

8 b. "*Eligible community*" means a city with a population of
9 five thousand or fewer.

10 2. The department shall establish and administer a derelict
11 building grant program to provide financial assistance
12 to eligible communities to address abandoned buildings by
13 promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective dismantlement
14 of building components, and recycling. The program shall be
15 administered in accordance with rules adopted by the commission
16 pursuant to chapter 17A.

17 3. Financial assistance under the program shall consist
18 of grants in an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand
19 dollars. A grant shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the
20 total costs of promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective
21 dismantlement, and recycling of a single abandoned building.

22 4. Eligible costs for financial assistance under the
23 program include but are not limited to asbestos and other
24 hazardous material abatement and removal, the recovery and
25 processing of recyclable or reusable material through selective
26 dismantlement, and reimbursement for purchased recycled content
27 materials used in the renovation of buildings.

28 5. a. A derelict building grant fund is created in the
29 state treasury under the control of the department. The fund
30 shall include moneys appropriated by the general assembly and
31 any other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the
32 department, including moneys from public or private sources.
33 Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department and shall
34 be used exclusively to carry out the provisions of this section
35 as determined by the department, and shall not require further

1 special authorization by the general assembly.

2 *b.* Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
3 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
4 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for
5 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
6 fiscal year that ends five years after the end of the fiscal
7 year for which the appropriation was made.

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EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill requires the department of natural resources to
12 create a derelict building grant program to provide financial
13 assistance to eligible communities to address abandoned
14 buildings by promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective
15 dismantlement of building components, and recycling. Under
16 the program, an eligible community is a city with a population
17 of 5,000 or fewer. Financial assistance under the program
18 shall consist of grants in an amount not to exceed \$500,000
19 and a grant shall not exceed 75 percent of the total costs of
20 promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective dismantlement,
21 and recycling of a single abandoned building. Eligible
22 costs for financial assistance include but are not limited to
23 asbestos and other hazardous material abatement and removal,
24 the recovery and processing of recyclable or reusable material
25 through selective dismantlement, and reimbursement for
26 purchased recycled content materials used in the renovation of
27 buildings.

28 The bill creates a derelict building grant fund in the state
29 treasury under the control of the department.